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By: **Senator Dorman**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Governor's Wellmobile Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Governor's Wellmobile Program to provide
4 primary and preventive health care services to certain populations and
5 communities; specifying the purposes of the Program; specifying the geographic
6 areas that the Program will serve; providing that the Program shall be operated,
7 managed, and administered by the University of Maryland School of Nursing;
8 establishing an advisory board for the Program; specifying the membership of
9 the board; specifying the terms of the initial members of the board; specifying
10 the duties of the board; authorizing the University of Maryland, Baltimore to
11 establish a nonprofit organization to accept certain grants and donations to the
12 program; requiring the School of Nursing and the board to submit a certain
13 annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly; requiring the Office of
14 Legislative Audits to perform a certain annual audit; and generally relating to
15 the provision of primary and preventive health care services to uninsured
16 individuals and underserved communities.

17 BY adding to
18 Article - Health - General
19 Section 13-1001 through 13-1003, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
20 "Subtitle 10. Governor's Wellmobile Program"
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
24 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25 **Article - Health - General**

26 **SUBTITLE 10. GOVERNOR'S WELLMOBILE PROGRAM.**

27 13-1001.

28 (A) THERE IS A GOVERNOR'S WELLMOBILE PROGRAM WITHIN THE
29 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING.

1 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

2 (1) DELIVER PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO
3 GEOGRAPHICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS
4 AROUND THE STATE; AND

5 (2) PROVIDE PRINCIPAL TRAINING SITES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF
6 MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING THAT WILL EXPAND STUDENT LEARNING
7 OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CARE OF UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.

8 (C) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE OPERATED, MANAGED, AND ADMINISTERED BY
9 THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING.

10 (D) (1) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET, BEGINNING
11 WITH FISCAL YEAR 2002, AT A MINIMUM, SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO OPERATE, MANAGE,
12 AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM AS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION.

13 (2) THE FUNDING INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET SHALL BE AT
14 LEAST:

15 (I) \$2.2 MILLION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002; AND

16 (II) \$1.2 MILLION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT
17 FISCAL YEAR.

18 (3) FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM MAY BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE
19 CIGARETTE RESTITUTION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-317 OF THE STATE
20 FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

21 13-1002.

22 (A) (1) THERE IS A GOVERNOR'S WELLMOBILE PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD.

23 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD IS TO ASSIST THE
24 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING IN OVERSEEING AND RAISING
25 FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM.

26 (B) THE ADVISORY BOARD CONSISTS OF NINE INDIVIDUALS, OF WHOM:

27 (1) ONE SHALL BE THE DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
28 SCHOOL OF NURSING;

29 (2) ONE SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES
30 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER;

31 (3) ONE SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE SENATE APPOINTED BY THE
32 PRESIDENT;

33 (4) TWO SHALL HAVE BUSINESS EXPERTISE;

34 (5) TWO SHALL HAVE HEALTH EXPERTISE; AND

1 (6) TWO SHALL HAVE MEDIA OR MARKETING EXPERTISE.

2 (C) EXCEPT FOR THE EX OFFICIO AND LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS, THE
3 MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH
4 THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

5 (D) THE DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING
6 SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY BOARD.

7 (E) (1) EXCEPT FOR THE EX OFFICIO AND LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS, THE
8 TERM OF A MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.

9 (2) EXCEPT FOR THE EX OFFICIO AND LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS, THE
10 TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR
11 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ON OCTOBER 1, 2000.

12 (3) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A
13 SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.

14 (4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES
15 ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.

16 (F) THE BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST FOUR TIMES EACH YEAR, AT THE
17 TIMES AND PLACES THAT IT DETERMINES.

18 13-1003.

19 (A) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING AND THE ADVISORY
20 BOARD SHALL ENSURE THAT THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC AREAS ARE SERVED BY
21 THE PROGRAM:

22 (1) WESTERN MARYLAND;

23 (2) THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA;

24 (3) THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA;

25 (4) SOUTHERN/CENTRAL MARYLAND;

26 (5) THE UPPER EASTERN SHORE; AND

27 (6) THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE.

28 (B) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING AND THE ADVISORY
29 BOARD SHALL:

30 (1) DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS,
31 HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, BUSINESSES, AND OTHER
32 ENTITIES THAT CAN FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE
33 HEALTH CARE SERVICES THROUGH THE PROGRAM;

1 (2) SOLICIT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GRANTS AND DONATIONS ON BEHALF
2 OF THE PROGRAM; AND

3 (3) DEVELOP A MECHANISM FOR RECEIVING THIRD PARTY
4 REIMBURSEMENT.

5 (C) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE MAY ESTABLISH A
6 NONPROFIT CORPORATION TO ACCEPT ANY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GRANTS OR
7 DONATIONS MADE TO THE PROGRAM.

8 (D) (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE UNIVERSITY OF
9 MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING AND THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A
10 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE
11 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DETAILING THE OPERATION AND
12 MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING:

13 (I) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY THE PROGRAM;

14 (II) THE TYPE AND NUMBER OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED
15 TO INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY THE PROGRAM;

16 (III) THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONTINUATION OF ANY PUBLIC OR
17 PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS;

18 (IV) THE FUNDING RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
19 SOURCES;

20 (V) FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH THIRD PARTY REIMBURSEMENT;

21 (VI) THE CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES OF VEHICLES
22 USED BY THE PROGRAM TO DELIVER HEALTH CARE SERVICES;

23 (VII) THE AREAS SERVED BY THE PROGRAM;

24 (VIII) THE IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM IN THE COMMUNITIES SERVED;
25 AND

26 (IX) ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENHANCING OR FURTHERING
27 THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM.

28 (2) THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS SHALL AUDIT THE ACCOUNTS
29 AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S WELLMOBILE PROGRAM ANNUALLY IN
30 ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 2-1220 THROUGH 2-1227 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
31 ARTICLE.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial
33 members of the Governor's Wellmobile Program advisory board shall expire as
34 follows:

35 (1) Two members in 2001;

1 (2) Two members in 2002; and

2 (3) Two members in 2003.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2000.